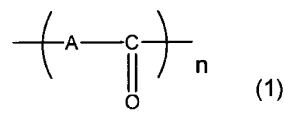


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A solution of a polyketone, comprising a polyketone as a copolymer of carbon monoxide and one or more olefins, wherein 90 wt% or more of said copolymer is represented by the structural formula (1):



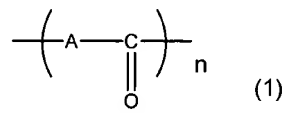
wherein A is an alkylene group and n is an integer of 1 or more ~~comprises carbon monoxide units and olefin units,~~ and a solvent, wherein said solvent is an aqueous solution of at least one member selected from the group consisting of ~~zinc salts,~~ calcium salts, ~~thiocyanates~~ and iron salts.

2. (Currently amended) A solution according to claim 1, wherein the concentration of the ~~zinc salt(s), calcium salt(s), thiocyanate(s) and/or iron salt(s)~~ in said solvent is 5 to 85 wt%, and the ~~polymer~~ polyketone concentration is 0.005 to 70 wt%.

3. (Currently amended) A solution according to claim 1, wherein the anion portion of each of the ~~zinc salt(s), calcium salt(s) and/or iron salt(s)~~ is a halogen halide.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Currently amended) A solution of a polyketone, comprising a polyketone as an alternating copolymer of carbon monoxide and one or more olefins, wherein 90 wt% or more of said alternating copolymer is represented by the structural formula (1):



wherein A is an alkylene group and n is an integer of 1 or more ~~comprises~~
~~carbon monoxide units and olefin units,~~ and a solvent, wherein said solvent is an
 aqueous solution containing at least one zinc halide and at least one metal salt which is
 other than said zinc halide(s) and is soluble in water at 50°C in a proportion of 1 wt% or
 more.

6. (Currently amended) A solution according to claim 5, wherein said at
least one metal salt(e) salt is an alkali metal halide and/or an alkaline earth metal halide,
 and the polyketone concentration is 0.005 to 70 wt%.

7. (Original) A solution according to claim 6, wherein the weight ratio of
 the at least one zinc halide to the alkali metal halide and/or alkaline earth metal halide is
 98/2 to 20/80, and the concentration of the zinc halide(s) in the solvent is 5 to 75 wt%.

8-30. (Cancelled).